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Grease Clogs Sewer Mainline in Boyes Hot Springs, CA

(Boyes Hot Springs, CA) — Sonoma County Water Agency officials on June 21 responded to a 220 gallon wastewater overflow from a sewer lateral at 18175 Highway 12 in Boyes Hot Springs, CA. The overflow was caused by grease clogging a sewer mainline. The sewer mainline is part of Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District's wastewater collection system. Work crews surveyed the vicinity to find no evidence of additional wastewater from the overflow. The wastewater did not flow into any waterways.

To keep pipes "Grease-Free", the Agency encourages the following:

- Never pour fats, oils, or cooking grease down the sink or garbage disposal.
- Pour excess grease into a container with a tight fitting lid and freeze for disposal with your household garbage; and wipe the remaining grease from the pan with a scraper or paper towel.
- Place food scraps in appropriate waste containers or compost bins rather than into the drain or garbage disposal. For more information regarding the proper disposal of fats, oils and grease, call the Sonoma County Eco-Desk at 707-565-3375 or go to www.recyclenow.org.

The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board, Sonoma County Environmental Health Department and the Office of Emergency Services were notified of the overflow. The Sonoma Valley County Sanitation District sewer collection system is operated by the Sonoma County Water Agency.

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